(b) if so, the estimated number of Chinese forces which intruded into Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the matter has since been taken up with the Government of China and if so, the outcome thereto; and

(d) what action has since been taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Chinese personnel intruded into the Sumdorong Chu Valley of Arunachal Pradesh in June, 1986.

This matter has been taken up with the Chinese authorities in line with Government's policy to resolve problems through peaceful negotiations.

Judges of the Supreme Court

2766. SHRI B. L PANWAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for elevating judges of the State High Courts to the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) if so, whether the judges of the Rajasthan High Court have been considered for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Appointments of Judges of the Supreme Court are made in accordance with the provisions of Article 124(2) of the Constitution of India and there are no other guidelines for the purpose. It would not be in the public interest to disclose whether Judges of any particular High Court have been considered for appointment to the Supreme Court during the past 3 years or not

China Claiming Arunachal Pradesh

2767 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to

(a) whether the Chinese officials have ben claiming Arunachal Pradesh as part of the Chinese Territory;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of China and if so, at what level; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Chinese personnel ernment have claimed approximately 90,000 sq. Kms of Indian territory in the Eastern sector of the India-China boundary in Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh is a state of the Indian Union and an integral part of India. This has been stated to the Chinese Government on several occasions at ministerial and ambassadorial level and by Heads of Indian delegations.

Constitution of NCC Advisory Committee in Orissa

2768 SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps has been constituted in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the names of its members;

(c) what is the date on which the last meeting of the Committee took place;

(d) what is the date on which the next meeting of the Committee is likely to take place;

(e) the total number of States where NCC is in existence; and

(f) whether Government have any proposal to increase the strength of NCC, in view of the increase in

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The State Advisory Committee in Orissa was last constituted in 1977 and is presently not fully constituted.

(c) and (d) The last meeting was held in 1977. State Government is responsible to convene the meetings of the State Advisory Committee.

(e) The NCC is in existence in all the States.

(f) There is no proposal to increase the strength of the NCC in Orissa.

Exploration by India in Antarctica

2769. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of explorations, if any, being carried out by India in the Antarctica;

(b) whether any other expedition is planned to Antarctica in the near future; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Geological, geophysical meteorological, upper atmospheric and oceanographic studies have been carried out during the earlier Indian scientific expeditions to Antarctica.

(b) and (c) The Seventh Indian Scientific Expedition sailed from Goa on 25th November 1987 and is expected to land on Antarctica during the last week of December 1987. This expedition also will continue the studies in the fields enumerated

Bilateral Discussions for Repatriation of Chakma Refugees

2770. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mnister of Human Resource Development had recently visited Dhaka and held bilateral discussions over the issue of the repatriation of the Chakma refugees from the Chittagong Hills area; and

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Bangladesh Government assured the Minister for Human Resources Development that they would take the necessary steps to create peaceful and secure conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts which would give the refugees the confidence to return. However, in the absence of concrete action by Bangladesh so far, the refugees have not been willing to leave.

Collaboration Agreements for the LCA

2771. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that collaboration agreements for various subsystems of the Light Combat Aircraft have been finalised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a French manufacturer has been selected as the prime contractor; and

(c) what is the percentage of components that are being manufactured indigenously and what percentage is being imported for the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft and from